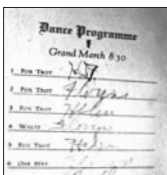




Cyber attack affects Onsted water system

Water boil called after pressure reduced



What it meant to have your dance card full

Michelle McLemore explores history of local dances



It is time to kickoff a new football season!

Jeff Steers takes a look at Addison, Columbia Central, Onsted, Vandercook Lake, Napoleon, and Grass Lake football - inside

Sample inside

A newspaper is born!

In an era when some communities fear losing local journalism altogether, Meadowbrook Media unveils The Adrian Reporter.



From staff reports Meadowbrook Media continues to expand.

The first issue of the Adrian Reporter went to press last week, adding to the Meadowbrook Media family. A sample of the Reporter can be found inside this week's Exponent.

"This was important for our vision going forward for newspapers in and around Lenawee County," said Meadowbrook Media owner Rex Crist. "Adrian is the county seat, the center of the county. It will complement our other newspapers in Blissfield, Clinton, Tecumseh and Brooklyn as we look to bring local news to all of the county."

The Adrian Reporter will be printed Thursdays at the Tecumseh Herald, which is also owned by Meadowbrook Media, and mailed to subscribers. It will also be available at retail locations throughout Adrian. The first issue comes this week.

Doug Donnelly, who has a long newspaper history in southeast Michigan, has been named editor and publisher, a similar role he has with The Advance in Blissfield.

"Our vision is 'Local news you need from local people you trust,'" Donnelly said.

"That is important to us as we bring news and information to Adrian. Everything that happens in Adrian is important to us and that will show in our coverage."

An accompanying website is online at www.mylenawee-news.com. All the digital papers can be found there, as well as breaking and feature news items. Digital and print subscriptions will be available.

Meadowbrook Media purchased The Blissfield Advance in December, 2024, and has added The Herald, Clinton Local and The Exponent in Brooklyn since. It also publishes Overtime, a weekly sports newspaper covering Lenawee County, and Homefront, a glossy magazine published quarterly.

The Reporter will focus on Adrian and the immediate area, plus cover county government and news and sports from Adrian High School, Madison, Lenawee Christian and Sand Creek schools.

"We feel a weekly newspaper fills a need in Adrian and the surrounding area for readers as well as advertisers who want to spread the word about their business," Crist said.

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Cost of progress?

Growing pains are being felt in Village of Brooklyn



Construction at the corner of M-50 and Monroe street has caused some business owners to complain that it has hurt their bottom line, while others say tax credits the owner received for the building project are not fair.

Story and photos By John Hummer Editor

The Village of Brooklyn has seen a lot of growth and new development going on in the past few years. But it all seemed to come to a head at the village council meeting on Monday, Aug. 10.

Four small business owners spoke

with passion during the second public comment period, voicing their concerns over several village issues. The business owners all have businesses on Monroe Street or at the corner of Monroe and Main Street.

The common themes expressed included sidewalks being closed for "months" and lost revenue from the clo-

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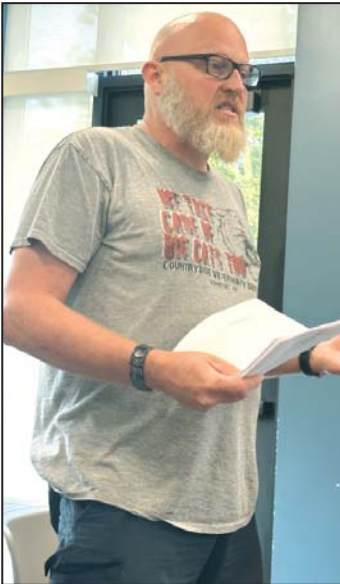
Sara Bieda
Owner of Sweet Caroline's
and the Village Creamery

sure; the danger created for school children with the closure of sidewalks and construction traffic; parking issues; a tax abatement given to 101 Monroe while other business owners say they have invested their own funds entirely in their businesses; and inconsistencies in enforcement of village ordinances.

Angela Nadell, owner of 111 Monroe Street, the building that houses Corner Cottage, led off the barrage of public comments. "I have been investing in this community in some capacity since 2004 when I moved out here and became a resident of Columbia Township," she said. "I am here today primarily to show support of my neighbors who have been experiencing hardship because of the [101] Monroe Street project."

"I wanted to invest in the community I lived in – I did that with no tax abatements – nobody's help but my own 401k," Nadell continued. "The last couple of trips I've made down here, I've seen the hardship that the lack of follow-through on ordinances has caused. People have not been able to get inside of the front doorway because the sidewalk has been blocked off by construction work. We can no longer use the back entranceway for moving furniture in and out... Everybody should be enforced in the same way. You guys are supposed to honor the code for all of us... We have unproven economic development going in, and it feels like everything is teetering towards their favor, and it doesn't matter how it impacts our businesses."

Sara Bieda, owner of Sweet Caroline's at 109 Monroe Street and the Village Creamery at 140 N. Main Street, said it has taken a pretty significant portion of her own savings to invest in Brooklyn. "I'm trying to run two businesses. Any time I've done work to my own buildings, I tried to be very up front – ask for permission – what can I do to make sure I don't upset the neighbors... Six years ago, when I initially started working on Sweet Caroline's, I was told explicitly that if I were going to do any



Left: Chad Fires, co-owner of Callaghan's Coffee Café, expressed concerns on several issues at last week's village council meeting. Right: Katie Walter, owner of Revive Hair Studio, voiced her opinions on a myriad of village issues at the recent Brooklyn Village Council meeting.

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Cement City man charged in boat crash



The back of the victim's pontoon was hit by the suspect's speedboat, cracking the engine block. PHOTO COURTESY COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

**By John Hummer
Editor**
Police say a suspect has been identified and charged with crimes associated with a boat crash that occurred on the

waters of Clark Lake on Saturday, Aug. 1, during the late evening hours.
The suspect, who police say fled from the scene of the crash, is identified as 38-year-

old Christopher D. Parker II of Cement City. Columbia Charter Township Police, who investigated the crash, say that Parker II was the operator of a speedboat involved in the inci-

dent and was responsible for the boat crash.
Police say the crash was reported by the victims after they were struck by the speedboat while on board their pontoon, sustaining severe damage to the rear portion of their vessel. Following the collision, the speedboat fled the area, failing to stop, identify themselves, or check the status of the pontoon occupants.
Police note that evidence supports the fact that navigation lights on the pontoon were activated at the time of the collision and that excessive speed and poor judgment on the part of the suspect were factors in this crash. There were no reported injuries because of the crash.
On Sunday, Aug. 2, a speedboat was located and identified as the possible suspect vessel that fled the crash. Police continued to investigate to determine the operator of the vessel at the time of the crash.
On Wednesday, Aug. 5, police say the suspect vessel was confirmed as being involved in the crash, and the owner and operator of the suspect vessel were identified.
A search warrant for the

vessel was drafted and brought before Judge Nicole Hughes of the 12th District Court. Judge Hughes authorized the search warrant following her review. The vessel was removed from Clark Lake with the assistance of Eagle Point Marina and impounded to the Columbia Charter Township Police Department. The vessel was then searched for further evidence of ownership and operation at the time of the crash.
After a detailed review of the evidence and statements made during the investigation, Parker II was charged with:

- Reckless operation of the vessel, with potential penalties including:
 - A prohibition from operating a vessel on the waters of this state for up to two years.
 - Participate in and complete a marine safety educational program.
 - Up to 90 days in jail and up to a \$ 1,000 fine and vessel impoundment for up to one year.
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Columbia Options to move program to Jr.- Sr.High campus

**By John Hummer
Editor**
At its Aug. 10 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Columbia School District board voted to formally move the Columbia Options High School program from its building on N. Lake Street to the Columbia Central Jr./Sr. High School campus. The move will be effective at the start of the forthcoming new school year, which begins Wednesday, Aug. 26.
"Our board is supportive of that and we're hoping it is well received by students and parents," stated Superintendent Jim Baker. "We've been at this conversation for a while and it was time for a decision to be made with the school year coming up quickly."
"The board has come to the conclusion that the current [Options] building is not going to be a really good facility for us to maintain and keep going forward," said Columbia School District Board President Tim Creech. "It needs a significant amount of updating to really make it up to what most of us would consider acceptable current standards."
"We think that a much more affordable way of protecting the community's investment in the school system is to relocate the Options program from its current facility back into Columbia Central High School," continued Creech. "This gets us to a two-campus model – our upper and lower elementary school and

the junior and senior high school. That brings a lot of efficiency in how we deliver education to our community."
"For us as a district, we have to be realistic," Baker noted. "That Options building just wasn't a good climate. Not that good things weren't taking place, it's just that the setting wasn't going to continue to be appropriate. We have a building that, when you take a look at what would have to be done to keep it up and running, what would have to be done to bring it up to a higher level that was acceptable for kids and families, we didn't have the ability to keep on going in that setting."
"We want all of our students, no matter what setting they're in, to feel comfortable and have the resources they need," he continued. "We also have to realize that not every single group has the same needs. We have to be flexible and able to adjust as needed. This allows us to be nimble; this allows us to be progressive; this allows us to take a look on a real-time basis about what's best. Whatever we do, it will be done in a manner that best represents what the needs are for the groups, while we remember not every group is the same."
Creech noted that staff will be interviewing each Options family to help them decide if they would like to stay in the Options program or transition into the traditional Columbia Central High School program.

Currently, Baker said, there are approximately 55 students who are virtual learners and, on average, about another 32 who were coming directly to the Options building for face-to-face instruction.
"The Options students still have an area that they will be able to call their own," Baker noted. "Our goal was to find a way to have the program that still allowed virtual learning, but also recognize that some kids just aren't virtual learners. Some students need that face-to-face."
A new coordinator for the Columbia Options program has been identified – Desiree Fires – who was one of the virtual Options instructors last year. She will also continue in a certified instructor role. "She'll be a good addition – we're excited about that," he said. The previous coordinator of the Options program, Melissa Szymke (formerly Adams), left over the summer as she was hired as the new Napoleon High School principal. Baker said having Fires administer the Options program will bring some continuity to the program amidst the move to the Jr./Sr. High School building.
The virtual Options students will have certified teachers available both locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally. "This allows us to really stretch what we can offer based on what students are interested in." Virtual students will still have access to the Jackson County ISD Career Center

and other local and regional services.
Creech noted that one of the big benefits of having the program in the Jr./Sr. High School building is the provision of some of the ancillary services for the students, such as counselors, behavioral specialists, a school nurse, school resource officers, transportation, food services, and more.
An open house for the Columbia Options students was set to take place this Tuesday at 6 p.m. so students could become accustomed to the new location.
"Once we start going down this road as a hybrid model, we will be able to adjust it based on – not just assumptions – but based on the realities of what we see taking place and what [students] experienced," Baker summarized.
The Options building will continue to be used by the Columbia robotics program in the near-term until the board reaches a decision on what the district will do with it.
"We're not going to make any rushed decisions on what happens over there," Baker stated. "The only thing we do know is that we will maintain it – it will not become an eyesore to the community. At the same time, we will figure out what are the best next steps for that building and for that property, which is about 10 acres."

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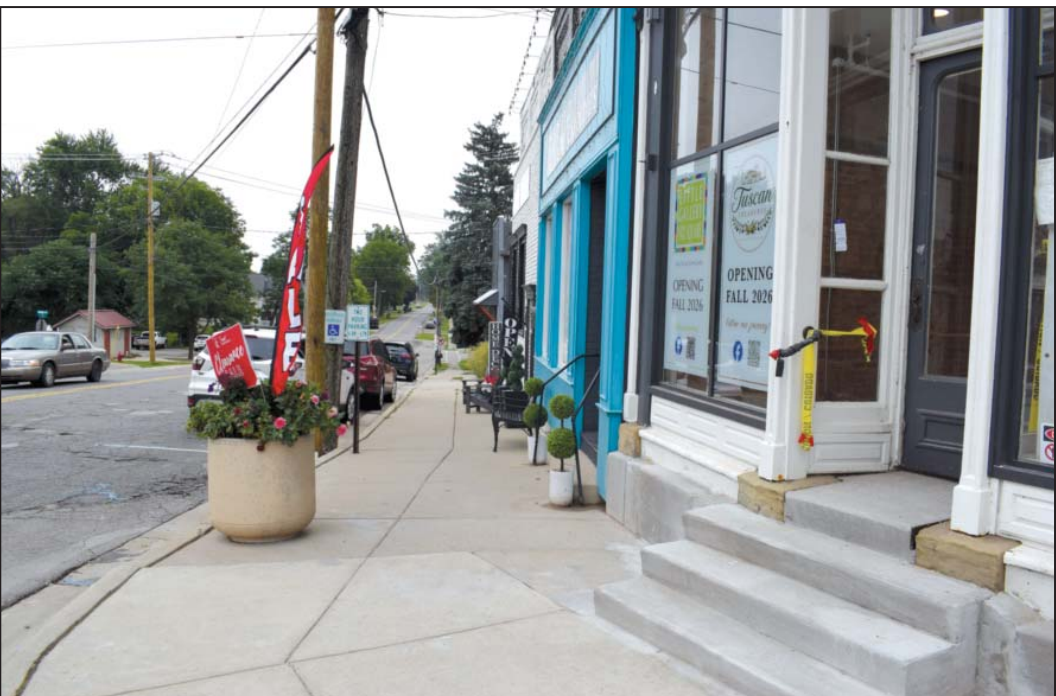
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work that required shutting down the sidewalk, or disrupting any flow of traffic on the sidewalk, that it would have to be done after 5 o'clock, and it would have to be shut off, and that I would only have basically one day to do it. I don't understand the inequity. We've had sidewalks that have been closed for months. I sit in my store, and I look — people can't get across to me from either way. Coming from west to east, north to south — the sidewalk is shut. [Customers are] not going to come across the street — they're just not. It's super frustrating, and I'm emotional about it — because you're killing me right now. You're killing me. How am I supposed to do business like this? I am the one who has invested my own money to improve — let's be honest — eyesore buildings in downtown Brooklyn."

Katie Walter, owner of Revive Hair Studio, added her comments next. "I was raised

in this community, I went to Columbia, I grew up here — it is a blessing to be a part of this community," she said. "But to see from where I stand with all of the things that are coming in with change — the park and the businesses — it feels like we have focused on the [village] square — and you forget about those of us that are on the corner (off the square)... My biggest concern always has been and will be the safety of the kids in the road and the businesses that are hurting [due to construction]. If you guys sat in my salon and have watched the kids who have almost gotten railed — so many times by cars — because people are busting through the signs, they're coming through the alleyways, they can't get through the sidewalk because of construction — it is dangerous. Even if you fix that sidewalk and you're fixing that park, what are you doing with the kids in the



The renovation of the 101 Monroe building, construction issues, and sidewalk closures have raised the ire of neighboring small business owners. Apartments in the building are on schedule to be occupied soon while three businesses will start opening in early fall.

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meantime as they're coming through and all that is torn up?"

"And if you're going to make this park the big thing because, Lord help us, we need that change in Brooklyn — what are you going to do with the 50 cars that are at Atlas that are parking in that parking lot?" Walter continued. "And the construction people who are parking in that parking lot? The water runoff that is causing issues in that half of town — it's all flooding down into your brand-new park and parking lot. All of that is going to affect

the businesses and the people and the community and the kids. There has to be a plan for that...you can't build a coliseum without having a foundation in place. I think we're so excited about what could happen that we're forgetting what to do in the meantime."

Chad Fires wrapped up public comment. He and his wife own Callaghan's Coffee Café at 109 S. Main Street.

"I put 25 years of my military pension into that building," he stated. "I didn't have somebody hand me \$1.5 million. I asked, at the time, if I could get a small tax abatement — maybe five years. I was told the village is not in the business of doing tax abatements. To turn around five years later and have somebody on the corner get a 10-year tax abatement, and not to mention all the issues that we're having with this going on. The lack of support from the village is going to cause us small businesses to struggle. This construction project on the corner has cost us tens of thousands of dollars in lost revenues. That's not chump change for somebody who is investing their own savings into these buildings. We are part of this community, and we sink our money into this community. A lot of us are owner-operators — we're in the businesses every single day. We put our entire heart into this."

Fires next expressed his displeasure with the inconsistency of village ordinance enforcement. "I was taken to court over a feather flag that was legal according to all ordinances within this village — it was legal!" he stated. "I have two pages of code violations that you can witness driving down Main Street. You don't even have to slow down. We have people that are flying feathered flags 24/7. Those flags are torn, tattered, worn, faded, and not maintained — according to the ordinance. When is our ordinance guy going to worry about the things that are actually in violation rather than taking me to court and wasting the village's money on something that they did wrong."

"Parking is a nightmare over here," Fires continued. "My parking lot turns into a public lot most days because of the construction. You shut down the stuff on this corner, and people start cutting through my parking lot. I had employees almost get hit several times taking trash out to the dumpster because

people want to cut through my lot coming around that corner. Now it's a safety issue for my employees."

Council reacts

"I think we heard some pretty telling things," said Trustee Bob Davis. "I, for one, understand your situation. I wholeheartedly agree with all of you. I think it's sad." Davis added that he thinks tax abatements are wrong. "I pay my taxes — why should somebody get off and not pay them? I do agree, when you talk about the park and what's going on — personally, I think the council has lost their way. We're looking at a massive expenditure on a gazebo — we're worried about pretty — we're not worried about function."

"I understand your frustrations, and I think we do need to get better," stated Trustee Ronda Kay. "I'm excited about everything that's coming into the village, but we do need to be fair."

"We do have vital issues and need to take a step back and look at them and verify what has been said," said Trustee Phil Bliven. He called on fellow council members to provide some answers by their next meeting.

Business owner Angela Nadell reacted to council comments after the meeting. "I appreciate what some of the council stated tonight," she said. "At the end of the day for me, it's about the balance between those of us that have been in this community investing for many years and balancing economic development with that — ensuring you're not creating undue hardship for the long-standing business owners in the community."

Village manager response

Brooklyn Village Manager Matt Swartzlander provided a written response on the issues brought up at the council meeting:

"The Village fully recognizes the challenges and inconveniences of development, especially in a space that must utilize adjacent properties and public right-of-way to complete the needed work. While the current Village administration was not involved with development projects of the past, we are now supporting small businesses in many different ways that provide opportunity to more people, to better the community long-term. Complex developments come with complex problems; some are

controllable while others are not controllable due to items outside of the control of those at the table.

"The Village has worked alongside all property owners to ensure a fair process that addressed needs as they were brought to our attention or in the planning process. Growth can be hard and inconvenient. As we look forward to three brand new downtown businesses and six more residential units, our community continues to exemplify small-town charm and character, and it is the people working hard and investing their own money into these projects that make it possible. The Village expects the major work of the project to wrap up this week, with most permits in the process of being finalized, certificate of occupancy being issued, and the move-in process starting soon."

101 Monroe owner response

Bea Nestor, owner of the 101 Monroe Street building and champion of its renovation project, was not at the council meeting. The Exponent reached out to her, and she replied, "The goal of 101 Monroe has always been to bring a forgotten, deteriorating building back to life and to provide new housing and a place for local small businesses to thrive. Like any renovation project, it hasn't been without challenges, but I truly believe they will prove worthwhile for our Brooklyn community."

In other notable news

Village Treasurer Marilyn Troyer recently provided her letter of resignation to the village for her forthcoming retirement, effective Aug. 31, 2026. Her letter was regretfully accepted by the village council. Troyer was presented with a plaque and a resolution on behalf of the council expressing appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the village, congratulating her on her retirement, and wishing her well for her future.

To replace Troyer, Scott Holtz was unanimously appointed by the Village Council as the new village treasurer, effective Sept. 1, 2026. Holtz brings over 25 years of experience in accounting at several local units of government and at the university level.

Troyer will stay on in an as-needed role through completion of the village's FY25-26 fiscal audit.

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Dance cards and J-Hop history



The 1925 Addison J Hop program was an embossed booklet for a keepsake as well as dance partner itinerary. Artifact shared by Jackie Yaeger Brooks.

The colored lights, the strong bass, the release in the lyrics— during adolescence it felt, at times, like many of us lived for the Friday and Saturday dances held at the schools, St. Joe's, and eventually at the ski lodge behind the Twin Towers. Teen crushes were built, broken, and danced away in those brief glorious hours!

Granted, by the 1980s, much of the magic and formalities of early dances had gone by the wayside. Though, some schools still held "ladies choice" songs or full Sadie Hawkins events which helped get the boys away from leaning on the walls.

In the last few decades, public school dances seem to have taken a dramatic decline in popularity. My hypotheses is that pop culture showed either too athletic of moves or too... how to say it...too body-comfortable dance moves for many self-conscious youths. Regardless, the one consistent tried and true diehard is the junior-senior prom.

Michigan State University hosted their first junior-hosted dance (or hop) in 1888 which became an annual tradition each February. It was an elegant (and pricey) formal. Those unable to cover the ticket cost could observe from a reserved upper balcony. School records describe the evening beginning with a banquet, then the Grand March which was a formal, organized procession to the dance floor. A photographer memorialized the attendees before the orchestra began. (The first year, Finzel's 12-piece orchestra was hired to play couple's dances such as two-steps and waltzes.)

For non-engaged couples, there was strict etiquette for open balls or community dances. For example, a man was never to ask the same lady for more than four dances. A lady, in turn, could not refuse an invitation to dance unless she already had accepted an offer prior. This is where the dance cards and booklets came into play.

The night's dances were pre-selected as well as the order, which was printed in a dance card. These booklets served as sign-ups as well as mementos for the guests afterwards. Primarily, the ladies held the dance cards and pencils while the men were expected to masterfully remember who they had asked to escort.

Per the University of Michigan's heritage page, their Junior Hop eventually was known as a J-Hop. It evolved from a one night to a three day and night festival. "Big band dances, house parties, hayrides, and morning-after breakfasts" made it a marathon of frivolity paling in comparison only slightly by football fervor.

As usual, collegiate trends trickled down to high schools by the 1920s. The predecessor of the junior-senior prom was born as the J-Hop. Dance cards were still used by some schools, while others only listed the dances in programs. Each J-Hop had a patron and patroness, which often were a school board member and his wife. (They had their own place to sign each student's booklet on the last page.)

Keepsakes from Addison and Onsted survived in scrapbooks of the Jackie (Yaeger) Brooks family.

Tickets and programs in the Brooks' collection show that



The Lake View Pavilion at Manitou Beach hosted school dances and public dances most days of the week at its peak. Even during the 1930s when there was less money for such a luxury, "spotlight" dances were hosted in which a dance was similar to musical chairs. The winning couple were "spotlighted." Exponent file photo.



Alton Brooks attended the Onsted J Hop in 1927 as a senior and this paper program endured in the family files. Artifact shared by Jackie Yaeger Brooks.

Addison High School held a J-Hop as early as 1914. On May 8, 1925 at the "Eleventh annual" event, supper cost \$2, spectators paid only 50 cents, and escorting an extra lady cost an extra 35 cents. The Grand March began at 8:30 p.m. at the Lake View Pavilion. The music was provided by Swartout's Orchestra, and dance programs were given out to both boys and girls to use. Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnaby were the patron and patroness of this event.

In May of 1926, 150 couples attended a J Hop thrown by Addison Juniors again at Lake View Pavilion. A *Telegram* report tells of a Grand March led by the President of the junior class, Robert Jackson. Programs (dance cards) were distributed by Virginia Collwell and Master Sherman Eaton. The hired entertainment was Draper's Music Masters of Jackson. And for those whose romantic interests were not also from Addison, guests were allowed from Jackson, Brooklyn, Onsted, Adrian, Chicago, Hillsdale, and Hudson.

Onsted's first Junior Hop was in 1925 with the Lake View Pavilion as the preferred space. The patron and patroness of 1926 was school board member Mr. Lou Conner and his wife. In 1926 and 1927, the entertainment was provided by Hadley's Golden Pheasant Orchestra.

Today the J-Hop has transitioned as most traditions seem to do. Individual couples may choose to dine out together, but it is rare for all participants to agree to a banquet. Waltzes, fox trots, and the tango haven't seen the public school dance floor in a long while. However after-prom events have picked up with some students only coming to those and not the dance itself.

Regardless, music still brings people together and opportunities for safe socializing remain supported by the schools and communities for many a year to come.

If you have photos, scrapbooks, postcards, or other historical items that may be shared, we would love to see them. Contact The Exponent office to arrange a time or email unique photos with any information you have about the content to exponews@theexponent.com. In the subject line, please note for "Attic & Hearth" or "For Michelle" and include your name and contact information in the message.

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Grass Lake Market



Above, left: Ryan Kraus of Jackson was happy to buy a couple of cookies from Lisa Shooltz of Daisy's Cookie Kitchen out of Napoleon at last week's Grass Lake Market. Right: Dora Gholson, right, of Grass Lake was quite ecstatic with her purchase of fresh beets from the DreamFarm, LLC Vegetable Stand at last week's Grass Lake Market. Behind the table are co-owners and best friends Anna Loveland, left, and Cat Ringenbach, both of Grass Lake.



Right: Caden Kunzelman, 12, is a proud young entrepreneur who will be attending Napoleon Middle School this year. He had a booth for his business "Caden's Creations" set up at the Grass Lake Market last week. He is displaying a couple of his favorite items he created. PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER



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Cyber attack hits Onsted water system, damage was ‘minimal’



Dave Friedrich looks on as DPW Supervisor Ken Rowe explains the high-pressure pump gauges and water system at the Onsted Water Treatment Plant.

Story and photos
By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

Onsted was one of the luckier victims in a recent nation-wide cyber attack, as the only infiltration into the village's water system caused a switch to the high-pressure pump equipment to hit "idle," causing pressure to drop across the village.

Residents noticed and reported the pressure decrease, and the SCADA (monitoring) system provider notified DPW Supervisor Ken Rowe for the cause.

Protocol dictated by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) required a precautionary water boil until samples could be cleared of any adverse materials. Onsted Village President Rob Schafer posted a notice to residents and continued with updates until the situation was remedied.

Rowe recalled when the Michigan State Police Cyber Command Center called. "You aren't special," the officer joked. "This is like my 1,000th call on this today." Rowe led residents through the village's water treatment plant on Thursday, Aug. 13 (as part of previously scheduled tours) to increase understanding of the village water system. Along the way, he fielded questions about PLCs and how it all worked. He reassured guests that equipment was not damaged, and all water samples tested came back green-lighted for consumption.

Other municipalities faced more severe complications.

The FBI reported that MCAs (malicious cyber actors) "remotely tamper[ed] with device configurations by changing IP addresses and turning on and setting passwords, resulting in a loss of view, and in some cases a loss of function, of connected equipment in targeted facilities."

At least one organization reported modified PLC (programmable logic controllers) project files after noticing ladder logic discrepancies across several sites.

What did cause additional complications for Onsted was a WLEN report that led some Onsted residents to believe that no Lenawee County facilities had been affected. It took time and multiple reports for some residents to understand that even a village of under a thousand residents could be part of a national cyber attack.

On Monday, July 27, municipalities in seven states experienced cyber attacks against their water treatment and wastewater treatment plants. Nine municipalities in Michigan, including Onsted, Hudson, and Madison Township in Lenawee County were affected.

Following the attack, on Aug. 3, Forescout Vedere Labs ran "A Shodan-based exposure scan" worldwide, revealing the problem is far from adequately addressed. No suspects have officially been named.

Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) noted 2,844 Rockwell Automation and Allen-Bradley programmable logic controllers (PLCs) "remained

directly exposed to the public internet within the United States alone," including 22 in cities already targeted during the late July and early August cyber attacks. Of those 22, 19 "run firmware vulnerable to a 2017 remote code execution flaw, CVE-2017-16740, that Rockwell patched nine years ago."

CSA summarized, "The finding demonstrates that the exposure problem underlying the current campaign is broader than the confirmed incident list: thousands of similarly configured controllers remain reachable from the open internet regardless of whether an attacker has touched them yet."

The recent municipality targets were not pre-selected based on value of site, nor geographic or economic region, but due to a set up flaw of PLCs direct exposure to the Internet. The FBI reports them as "unsophisticated attacks" in that malicious cyber actors (MCAs) focused on scanning for PLCs whose start-up passwords had not been changed from default manufacturer log-ins or which had direct exposure to the Internet...

ControlDesign.com highlighted, that though cyber attacks are possible through SCADA type systems, in this case, MCA bypassed them to attack PLCs directly. This left SCADA only able to detect the intrusion after the fact and report damage to their clients.

The FBI and EPA offer several recommendations on their websites for municipalities and industrial complexes to prevent or mitigate future

unauthorized access to their systems. Most private residents do not have this type of MCA to be concerned about as the particular PLCs which were attacked are only used in larger industrial or commercial systems.

The states affected during the recent water cyber attack included New Jersey, Georgia, Washington, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Michigan. The "who" and "why" behind the intrusion has not yet been officially declared. However, it was not the first time such an event occurred.

Securityweek.com revealed hacker, Iranian-supporting group Handala attacked Stryker, the U.S. medical tech giant March 11 of this year. On April 7, the FBI National Press Office released an advisory concerning Iranian-affiliated cyber actors exploiting PLCs. They updated their notices in July after the event, noting that in addition to Allen-Bradley and Rockwell Automation, Schneider Electric, Siemens, and other branded/manufactured PLCs' status should also be re-examined for security measures.

The FBI website noted the purpose of the release was to "provide tactics, techniques, procedures, and indicators of compromise related to ongoing cyber exploitation...by Iranian-affiliated advanced persistent threat (APT) actors." The warning continued, targeted agencies spanned U.S. government services and facilities, water and wastewater systems, and energy systems. The tactics were similar to those used previously by CyberAv3ngers (aka Shahid Kaveh Group) affiliated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corp Cyber Electronic Command.

On Nov. 30, 2023 CyberAv3ngers used default passwords for a cyber attack in Pennsylvania. The tactics were similar. Additionally, according to ABC5, KSTP.com, APT IRAN posted to The Telegram Messenger app claiming responsibility for the recent July cyber attacks with aid from CyberAv3ngers.

Still, U.S. officials have not yet named anyone responsible. As Iran remains a potential suspect, others suggest that cyber actors mimicking Iranian tactics may be attempting to escalate international tension.

Flash mob strikes Grass Lake!



Flashmob at Grass Lake Market – A flash mob of dancers surprised patrons at the Grass Lake Market last Wednesday. Market president and executive director of the Grass Lake Downtown Development Authority, Mitzi Koors, said she worked with the Jackson School of the Arts who offered a class and workshop for the dancers ahead of time. The August market theme was "girls' night out," and featured Mamma Mia playing at dusk on a big outdoor screen. The movie was provided by the Grass Lake DDA. Koors said they had a great summer season at the market with roughly 40-50 vendors at each market. They have one more market on Nov. 28 for Small Business Saturday in downtown Grass Lake. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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FROM LEFT: Steve Linenfelter began his love of nature by “rescuing” raccoons (left). He encourages residents to visit Walker Tavern (middle, represented from left to right by Nadia Rankin, Laurie Perkins and Amy Van Dell) where they may see a garter snake (right).



It's funny how certain events in childhood can have a lasting effect on us.

I have always loved being outside and discovering wildlife, and I have my parents to thank for that. When I was two and-a-half years old, my parents moved from the city of Jackson and bought a house that sat on 2.5 acres on King Street in Brooklyn.

About 1/3 of the property was woods, and I would spend hours outside every chance I got.

In fact, my first pet was a duck named "Squeaky" and although later we had a dog and many cats, I was always fascinated by wildlife. I enjoyed finding the many different types of trees and loved learning about the different types of edible berries, nuts and mushrooms. My Dad would take us to a local park

or Nooney Dam every Sunday and he would always point out fish and the many frogs sitting on lily pads or turtles sunning themselves on a log.

At an early age I was always catching different critters. One day my dad brought home an old sink that I filled with water and frogs that I caught while visiting my aunt and uncle on Vineyard Lake. Female frogs lay soft, jelly-like eggs known as frogspawn in the water and after a few weeks they hatch into tadpoles. These tadpoles have a long tail and they breathe underwater using gills. Later they grow back legs, then front legs and eventually develop lungs to breathe in the air, when they then become adult frogs. I found that so fascinating! One day you're breathing underwater and then before you

know it you're breathing air!

I caught numerous snakes including a blue racer that chased me after I picked it up. I would use a green forked limb (softer so it would not hurt the snake) that I would use to pin the snake's head down and then picked it up just behind its head. This skill came in handy later when my little brother Johnny at age 4 picked up a baby Massasauga rattlesnake (see story below). Before he got bit I distracted the snake long enough to grab it and released it back into the pond where Johnny caught it.

By age 15 I was raising baby raccoons. A few of them I "rescued" from inside a neighbor's garage and others from inside a cubby-hole in a tree. First there was "Sassy" (named after his attitude when we first tried to pick him up), then "Rocky," and later "Sugar Ray, Baby Cakes and Bruno." I taught them to eat their natural food by climbing trees and eating mulberries, or catching fish and crayfish and putting them in a bucket to allow the raccoons to get a feel for catching and eating them. I would always release them back in to the wild in the

fall.

I believe the best time to teach, and hopefully, influence children on the wonders of nature is when they are very young. Sometimes just visiting my parent's friends who lived on a farm or stopping by a park exposed me to nature.

A few days ago I was walking into Country Market in Brooklyn when I met a very fascinating lady named Laurie Perkins. She was in a vehicle that had a Department of Natural Resources emblem on it and I approached her about doing an article about a day in the life as a DNR officer. Laurie noted she was a DNR site historian. I love history, especially anything that includes parks.

Perkins was heading to Cambridge Junction Historic State Park and Walker Tavern. Since she was 20 years old, she has been involved with Cambridge Junction and now is educated from both Adrian College and Notre Dame, as well as earning a PHD from Michigan State University.

I also met historical interpreters Nadia Rankin and Amy Van Dell. These ladies

give historical tours of Cambridge Junction, which originally was an 1830s stagecoach stop for early pioneers heading West.

Cambridge Junction is where the Chicago road (U.S. 12) intersected with LA Plaisance Bay Pike (M-50) back in the early 1830s. These routes were built over ancient Native American trails.

By the way, you can visit this 80-acre park on a warm summer's day with your children or grandkids to not only learn about history, but while you're there your kids might spot a deer, some wild turkeys, or perhaps a few toads and tree frogs. There are butterflies and many songbirds, and the grass is well kept. This is a great place for a picnic! It's safe, the tours are fascinating, and just being out in nature offers fresh air, sunshine and a way to develop an appreciation of nature. It's quiet and the scenery is enchanting.

On Sundays there is a farmer's market there which offers local fruits and vegetables as well as honey, homemade jams, and more.

Getting children outdoors

when they are young is important. Two famous biologists-Jeff Corwin and Steve Irwin, developed a passion for wildlife at a very early age. Corwin is an American biologist who was bitten by a garter snake at age 4 but despite the many pleas from his parents, he kept catching them because he was fascinated by them. He further devolved his love for nature after visiting a rainforest in Belize at age 16.

Australian Steve the "Crocodile Hunter" Irwin caught his first venomous snake at age 6! His dad, a herpetologist, taught him how to handle reptiles and his mom rehabilitated injured or orphaned wildlife.

Just being outside, especially in Michigan, brings back many fond memories. Perhaps you and your children and/or grandchildren can experience the healthy and fascinating world of the outdoors. And hopefully one day they will take their kids/grandkids to the many parks and experience the wonderful world of nature.

Despite bite, rattlesnake remains protected

DNR reminds public to give eastern massasauga rattlesnakes their space



The eastern massasauga is characterized by a tan or gray body and dark brown or black splotches that resemble a bowtie. It grows to 18 to 30 inches long and has a tan-colored, segmented rattle. Photo courtesy of Michigan Natural Features Inventory.

From staff reports

In the wake of an eastern massasauga rattlesnake bite at a state-managed park in Oakland County last month, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is urging the public not to harm, harass or attempt to capture the threatened species.

Officials at state parks are reporting damage to wetland areas as people veer off established trails and trample vulnerable vegetation looking for the venomous snakes. Some people are threatening to kill the snakes if they encounter them. They are located in both Lenawee and Jackson counties.

Because the eastern massasauga is listed as a state and federally threatened species, it is illegal to pursue, harass,

wound, kill or capture the snake. A person found liable of violating the Endangered Species Act could be sentenced to up to a year in prison and a fine of \$50,000.

On July 21, a 41-year-old Michigan man was bitten by an eastern massasauga while attempting to photograph the snake at a boat launch in the Proud Lake Recreation Area in Commerce Township – an incident that attracted significant media attention. The man was hospitalized but was expected to recover.

The eastern massasauga rattlesnake is Michigan's only venomous native snake. The snake's bite is painful but extremely unlikely to be fatal. Between 25% and 50% of bites are "dry bites," meaning the snake did not deliver a dose of

venom.

Amy Bleisch, DNR endangered species biologist, said there have been no confirmed human deaths in Michigan from an eastern massasauga bite for over 100 years.

If bitten, hikers should stay calm and seek medical attention. If possible, call 911 for help, sit down and wait for emergency responders. Remove rings, watches and bracelets that can cause problems due to swelling. Do not apply ice or tourniquets. Do not cut the wound or apply suction.

The eastern massasauga is generally tan with large brown splotches on its back that resemble a video game controller or bowtie. Its tail ends with a tan-colored, segmented rattle that produces a high-pitched sound like an insect

buzzing. The thick-bodied snake grows to be about 18 to 30 inches long.

Bleisch noted that it's also illegal to own an eastern massasauga or any state-threatened or endangered species as a pet. Supporting the illegal pet trade, she said, encourages poachers to remove valuable animals and their genetics from the wild, further endangering the species.

Because the massasauga population has dwindled and the snake is so good at hiding, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most people to see one, Bleisch said.

If you do spot an eastern massasauga, give the snake space. Stay at least 3 feet away, which is out of its strike zone.

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Stolen vehicle leads to arrest

Brooklyn man charged with possession of controlled substances

By John Hummer
Editor

A Brooklyn man will likely be spending time behind bars after being charged with possession of controlled substances.

On Saturday, Aug. 8 at 7:45 p.m., Columbia Charter Township Police were dispatched to the 12000 block of Purvis Lane for a report of a possible stolen vehicle. Upon investigation and following contact with the complainant, the vehicle was located and stopped.

Police identified the driver of the stolen vehicle as 29-year-old Errico D. Fortuna of Brooklyn. During the traffic stop, police searched the vehicle and found assorted items of contraband, including various forms of drug paraphernalia. Officers also found personal-use quantities of cocaine and fentanyl.

The suspect was taken to Jackson County Jail and



Errico Fortuna

lodged on numerous pending charges, including possession of the controlled substances. The owner of the vehicle did not wish any further action regarding the stolen vehicle report.

On Monday, Aug. 10, a police report was forwarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office for review of criminal charges. Upon completion of the review, Fortuna was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substances less than 25 grams, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison per count.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, Fortuna was arraigned before Judge Daniel Goostrey of Jackson County's 12th District Court. Currently, Fortuna is free on bond with his next scheduled court appearance on Friday, Aug. 21.

Meeting set to discuss State of the Irish Hills

The Greater Irish Hills Intermunicipality Committee Cordially invites residents to the State of the Irish Hills on Friday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Michigan International Speedway in the Michigan Room located at 12626 U.S. 12, Brooklyn.

Officials will be discussing how to maintain and build a community that remains rural and recreation-focused.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the event, described as an inspiring gathering for policymakers, community leaders, and stakeholders to connect and collaborate on the future of our vibrant region.

For generations, the Irish Hills area has been known for its natural beauty and welcoming spirit. While the days of the historic tourist attraction have passed, our communities are more committed than ever to showcasing the incredible recreational assets, outdoor adventures, and economic potential that make the Irish Hills a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.

By coming together, residents can share ideas, strengthen partnerships, and discover new ways to support recreation and rural economic development in our region.

Attendees are asked to RSVP by August 30. Info@irish-hills.com / 517-592-8907.

It's YOUR Business

By Cindy Hubbell, President/CEO
Irish Hills Regional
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The Irish Hills Regional Chamber of Commerce is holding Coffee & Connections on Friday, August 28, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Meckley's Flavor Fruit Farm, sponsored by The Berger Group. Network with Irish Hills Business Leaders and learn how to get the most out of your Chamber benefits. If you are not a member of the IH Chamber yet, stop in and see what we are all about. This is a free event for IHRCC members or \$10 for potential members. Register at IrishHills.com or call 517-592-8907.

Faust House Scrap-n-Craft and Art Supplies is holding Teen Night on Wednesday, August 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Manitou Beach Village. Join Faust House to DIY, paint, scrapbook, and more. Bring your own project or use Faust House supplies.

Camp Liberty's Summer Conservation Day is on Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are looking for volunteers to help to continue improving their beautiful grounds and prepare for fall hunts. Go to camplibertymichigan.org for more information.

Dog Days of Summer takes place at Cherry Creek Cellars on Sunday, August 23 from 12 to 5 pm.

Bring your pup for a fun day of celebrating the dog days of summer with live music and food trucks.



Join the Village of Brooklyn on Thursday, August 27 for an evening of music, art, local vendors, and more. Art in the Park will take place every fourth Thursday until September from 5 to 9 p.m.

Historic Baseball will be played at Cambridge Junction Historic State Park/Walker Tavern on Saturday, August 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Irish Hills Eagles Fest is taking place on Saturday, August 29 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Help them celebrate their 50-Year Anniversary with vendors, a bake sale, a pig roast, live music, a beer tent, games, fun, and free entry.

The Wine and Flower Festival is taking place at Gypsy Blue Vineyards on Saturday, August 29, from 11 a.m to 7 p.m. Enjoy U-Pick Flowers, local artisans, food trucks, music, and more. General Admission is \$10 and includes two samplings of two new Gypsy Blue wines. Go to gypsybluevineyards.com for more information.

Check out the Irish Hills community calendar at IrishHills.com to find tons of events going on in and around the Irish Hills, including bike nights, live music, classes, family fun events, craft shows, and more!

Public invited to prayer meeting

Members of the community are invited to Third Thursday Prayer at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church from 10 - 11:30 a.m. each month. This

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July 30
Property Security: Hyde Road (2); **Larceny:** North Lake Road; **Larceny:** Marshall Street; **Accident PDA:** South Meridian Road; **Larceny:** Brooklyn Road; **Personal Welfare Check:** Hayes Road;

July 31
Field Contact: South Meridian Road / Jefferson Road; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Suspicious Situation:** Garrison Drive; **Suspicious Situation:** South Main Street; **Assist other Agency:** Hillan Lake Drive / Village Lane, Norvell Township;

August 1
Personal Welfare PWC: Dearmyer Road; **Alarm:** Wesch Road; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Alarm:** South Meridian Road; **Alarm:** Case Road; **General Non-Criminal:** Ocean Beach Road; **Inspect Vehicle:** Woodland Drive; **Inspect Vehicle:** Ocean Beach Road; **Inspect Vehicle:**

Archwood Circle; **Inspect Vehicle:** Jefferson Road; **Inspect Vehicle:** Whithouse Court; **Breaking / Entering:** Hayes Road; **Personal Welfare Check- PWC:** Grand Boulevard; **Disorderly:** Maple Lane; **Accident Other:** Eagle Point Drive; **Suspicious Situation:** Hyde Road / Finch Street;

August 2
Property Security: Hyde Road; **Inspect Vehicle:** Woodland Drive; **Parking:** Eagle Point Road; **General Non-Criminal:** North Drive; **Alarm:** South Meridian Road; **Assist Other Agency:** Clark Lake Road, Napoleon Township; **Mental Health:** Vicary Road; **Rescue:** South King Street;

August 3
Property Security: Hyde Road (3); **Accident PDA:** Crego Road / Peterson Road; **General Non-Criminal:** South King Street; **General Non-Criminal:** Hewitt Road; **Motorist Assist:** Jefferson Road / Hayes Drive;

erson Road / Hayes Drive; **General Non-Criminal:** North Main Street; **Accident PI:** York Drive / North Lake Road; **General Non-Criminal:** Blue Ridge Road; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Marshall Street; **Field Contact:** North Main Street / Chicago Street;

August 4
Property Security: Hyde Road (2); **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Industrial Drive; **Motorist Assist:** South Main Street / Detroit Street; **Assist other Agency:** Clark Lake Road, Napoleon Township; **Field Contact:** Ocean Beach Road; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** South Main Street; **Conservation:** Oakwood Avenue; **Warrants:** Jefferson Road;

August 5
Assist other Agency: Brooklyn Road; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Accident PDA:** Kelly Road / Cement City Road; **Personal**

Welfare- PWC: North Main Street; **Parking:** Cottage Court; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Hewitt Road; **Hit and Run:** South Main Street; **General Non-Criminal:** Claremont Circle.

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Obituaries

David Michael Lindeman Jr.

David Michael Lindeman Jr., of Liberty Township, Mich., passed away unexpectedly at home on August 14, 2026, at the age of 61. He was in good health and had recently begun enjoying his retirement.

A celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, August 20, from 12 to 3 p.m. at The Beach Bar, 3505 Ocean Beach Rd, Clarklake, Mich. All who knew and loved him were welcome to attend. David was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He was a true outdoorsman at heart, a skilled hunter with countless trophy bucks to his name, an avid fisherman, and cut enough firewood over the years to last several lifetimes. David loved animals, sports, tractors, a good movie, and a quality book, especially anything Harry Potter.

David was born January 25, 1965, in Addison, Mich, to Vicki and David Lindeman Sr. He grew up in Brooklyn,



David Lindeman

where he was known by the nickname "Davy Crockett." He loved visiting his grandparents in FL. He attended Columbia Central High School, where he played baseball and was a talented pitcher, planting the seeds for a lifelong love of the game and diehard support for the Detroit Tigers. Professionally, David was a master sheet metal worker with Sheet Metal Workers Local 7, Zone 1, and a remarkably talented CAD de-

signer, widely respected and well known throughout his trade for his expertise. He was exceptionally skilled across many disciplines, able to fix or solve any problem put in front of him, a true craftsman in every sense.

Above all, David cherished his children. He coached their sports teams throughout their childhood and made it a point to never miss a game. He taught them countless life skills along the way and beamed with pride at Jeffrey and

Grace's accomplishments, including their graduating from the University of Michigan, which made him a proud Wolverine. Family vacations were always a highlight, from Disney World and FL to out west to AK, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, Jackson Hole, Mt. Rushmore, Las Vegas, and CA, to Niagara Falls and Cooperstown.

In recent months, David returned to NYC, this time with his mother, to visit his children, and traveled to TX with his girlfriend, Johnnie, where he fulfilled a longtime wish to see the Alamo. David was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ruth and Nick Cobb, and his stepfather, Jerry Mummery. He is survived by his children, Jeffrey and Grace Lindeman, and their mother, Christina Cleary, his former wife; his mother, Vicki Mummery; his sister, Michelle McBean, and her husband, Tod McBean; his niece, Victoria Gregg; and his nephew, Mason McBean. He is also survived by his many cherished family members and friends.

We love you, Dad!

Nancy Jo Landers

Nancy Jo Landers, age 80, of Norvell, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 14, 2026, in Chelsea, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on July 13, 1946, in Tecumseh, Michigan, Nancy was the beloved daughter of the late Lavern and Arvilla (Covell) Creger. Nancy lived a life centered around love, family, hard work, and generosity. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, and was known by many as a loving and caring woman who had a special way of making everyone feel like family and a mother to all. She was compassionate, generous, and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Nancy shared her life with her beloved husband, Walt Landers, for 63 years. Together, they built a family and a lifetime of memories that will be cherished forever.

Nancy was a loving mother to her children, Darrell (Melissa), Samantha, Kelly (Bill), Beverly (Jay), and Jesse (Paige). She was a cherished grandmother to her grandchildren, Michael (Sarah), Bridgett (Scott), and Sarah (Tony). Nancy was also a proud and loving great-grandmother to Letti, Landon, Leland, Nova, Audery-Jo, Salem, Levi, and Aurora, who brought tremendous joy to her life. Nancy is survived by her brother, Roger Creger (Debbie), along with her many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who loved her deeply. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Evelyn, Lonnie, Lynn, Pricilla, Randy, Lamont, Keith, Leanna, and David Creger.

Nancy was a hard-working woman who spent many years serving her community. Her very first job was babysitting, followed by working as a school bus driver. She later worked in the cafeteria at Napoleon Schools and as a custodian at Ackerson Lake School. Nancy dedicated about 22 years to Napoleon Schools, where she touched many lives through her work and kindness. After her years with the schools, Nancy continued working in her community. She worked at Big Boy in Brooklyn, the



Nancy Jo Landers

Super 8 Motel in Brooklyn, and during several summers in the kitchen at Michigan International Speedway (MIS). She eventually continued her career at Brooklyn Living Centre, where she absolutely loved

working until her retirement. Outside of work, Nancy knew how to enjoy life and, most importantly, enjoy it with the people she loved. She loved spending time with her family, attending bingo, going to garage sales, visiting casinos, shopping, and bowling. She also loved hosting the Norvell Township Halloween Party for more than 30 years. One of the traditions she cherished most was the annual family reunion, a time for everyone to come together, laugh, share stories, and make memories.

Nancy faced a long and courageous battle with cancer. Through it all, she fought a long and strong fight, surrounded by the love and support of her family. On Friday, August 14th, she peacefully went to be with the Lord. While her family and friends are heartbroken by her passing, they can find comfort knowing that Nancy's love, laughter, kindness, and memories will live on in everyone whose life she touched. Her greatest legacy will always be the family she loved so deeply and the countless people fortunate enough to have

A Funeral Service celebrating Nancy's life will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, August 20th, 2026, at Purse Funeral Home, 2959 N. Adrian Hwy, Adrian, MI 49221, with Pastor Jason officiating. Viewing and Visitation will also be on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the Purse Funeral Home in Adrian, MI. Following the service, family and friends are invited to gather for a luncheon at the Brooklyn Eagles, 9500 Wampplers Lake Rd. Brooklyn, MI 49230, from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

In lieu of donations, feel free to send flowers to the funeral home or to Jackson Free Methodist Church for the Children's Ministry program.

Nancy will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Allan J.F. Faulds

Allan J.F. Faulds, 87, passed away quietly at home with his family by his side on August 5, 2026, in Brooklyn, Mich.

Allan's family and friends will gather to celebrate his life on Saturday, August 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Eineder Funeral Home, Brooklyn Chapel.

Allan was born on December 7, 1938,



Allan Faulds

in Toledo, Ohio, to Henry and Martha (Wenke) Faulds. He graduated from DeVillbis High School in Toledo. Allan worked as a barber for 12 years before transitioning to General Motors in Toledo, where he retired after 30 years.

In his youth, he built a Sailfish sailboat and spent many weekends sailing on area lakes with his wife, Emily. They also enjoyed taking short trips on his BSA motorcycle until he sold it to help pay the hospital bill for their daughter's birth. They were proud to build their home on the lake and enjoyed garden-

ing, boating, and spending time with their grandsons. Allan and Emily also enjoyed traveling with family and friends.

Allan will be missed by his children, Emily Zeiger and Peter (Jackie) Faulds; his sister, Margaret Strawbridge; and his grandsons, Scott and Pete Zeiger. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emily; his parents, Henry and Martha Faulds; and his grandson, Stuart.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution, please choose a charity that's dear to your heart.

Thomas 'Tom' Charles Luck

Thomas "Tom" Charles Luck, age 79, passed away at his home, surrounded by his loving family who cared for and loved him to the end. Thomas was born June 29, 1947, in Tecumseh, Mich to Amil William and Fern (Mary) Gibbs Luck.

He walked two miles to attend the Pentecost schoolhouse through fifth grade, then graduated from Onsted High School in 1965. Tom was a proud member of the United States Army, serving from 1966-1968. After an honorable discharge, he joined the Durkee Seager American Legion Post 550 in Onsted, belonging for 56 years. Tom returned to manage Onsted Lumber Company and gained his



Tom Luck

business knowledge from owner Bud Kerentoff. In 1970, he married Deborah Ann Via; from this marriage, son Matthew Luck (Lisa) and daughter Andrea Luck (Scott) were born. Tom took his building knowledge and business skills to form his own company, Tom Luck Builders, in 1980. Tom was also known as the "Christmas Tree Man"; with his brother Russ, they started the Pentecost Tree Farm. On July 11, 1992, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Tom married the love of his life, Joy (Ruttkofsky) Wooden, with her three daughters, Heather (Wooden) Connnett, Rachel (Wooden) Curtis, and Erin (Wooden) Dressel (Tucker). They spent 34 wonderful years together as a blended family.

Tom was a carpenter, avid

vegetable grower, and tree farmer. He loved anything that put him outside. He was known for being a hard worker. Tom also enjoyed kickboxing, playing baseball, and bowling in his younger years. His childhood years on the family farm were spent with his siblings, whose survivors include: Richard (Betsy) Luck, Joyce (Roger) Luck, Walter (Janis) Luck, Russell Luck, Janet (Jack) Sager, and Sharon (Don) Kuramoto. Tom's father, Amil, could not leave the house without Tom by his side. They worked hard together but also enjoyed days of going fishing, playing baseball, building things, going to the woods, growing vegetables, and raising animals. He was a man of faith and attended Union Gospel Church throughout his youth. Later in life, Tom thoroughly enjoyed being a snowbird at Magnolia Manor in St. Petersburg, FL.

In addition to his wife and children, Thomas is survived by his grandchildren, Jacob, Joshua, Victoria, Hailey Luck,

Kaden Dunigan, Xander Lujion, Jaylyn McNally, Cameron, Kaiden, Brennen Connnett, Skyler, Kyle, Kane, and Charlie May Curtis.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents, Amil and Fern Luck; his infant brother, John Luck; daughter-in-law Shelly Luck; son-in-law George Connnett, brother in-laws, Roger Harsh and Don Kuramoto.

Per Tom's request, cremation has taken place, and a Celebration of Life will be held Friday, August 21 at Durkee-Seager American Legion Post 550 in Onsted from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a memorial service at 5:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wooden Old Stone School Assoc. (Tom was a school board Member) or the American Legion Post 550, Onsted. Friends can express sympathy to the family online by visiting the tribute wall at www.marryfh.com. Arrangements have been made with the guidance of the Anderson-Marry Funeral Home, Adrian.

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